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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION NAMES DR. FRED ZANDPOUR, PH.D. DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S AWARD WINNER



SANTA ANA, CALIF – The U.S. Small Business Administration's Santa Ana District Office has named Dr. Zandpour the recipient of the 2008 District Director's Award. Dr. Zandpour is Associate Dean of the College of Communications at California State University, Fullerton. The Santa Ana District is responsible for serving the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. J. Adalberto Quijada, District Director stated, "Dr. Zandpour is a leader in the community who reaches out to build bridges and truly makes a difference. I commend him for that."

Dr. Zandpour has been an enthusiastic small business advocate for over 10 years. He has promoted, supported and delivered training programs with various Orange County chambers of commerce. He is particularly focused on promoting and maintaining educational and procurement programs for minority and women business owners.

Dr. Zandpour has had a leading and influential role in the community. He has been a supporter of Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Conferences. Under his direction, Cal State Fullerton and the SBA have sponsored five SBIR/STTR conferences at CSUF's Garden Grove Center. Dr. Zandpour has a knack for connecting small businesses with the appropriate professor during these conferences. He also played a large role in lobbying USDA to bring the National SBIR conference to Orange County.

Dr. Zandpour shows his commitment to small business with his activity during the E-Business conference. He has been involved with this event for eight years. Dr. Zandpour's was instrumental in bringing prominent speakers from corporations such as IBM, Microsoft, eBay,. The conference has received excellent reviews from the attendees.

Dr. Zandpour, and other entrepreneurs and champions, will be honored at the *45th Annual Small Business Week Awards* luncheon on September 25, 2008 at the Hilton Anaheim. For more information, please contact Christopher Lorenzana at 714.560.7453 or christopher.lorenzana@sba.gov.